

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is requested. Claims 12 and 14 are now in the case. Applicants have amended claim 12.

Applicants assert that the present amendment adds no new matter to the application as originally filed. Basis for the amendment to claim 12 can be found in the application as originally filed, see e.g., page 26, lines 9-11.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 12 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as lacking enablement.

The Examiner has alleged that the claims are not enabled because recitation of "stringent conditions" in claim 12 leaves the claims too broad. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 12 to recite "highly stringent wash conditions".

Consequently, Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are enabled, and request that the present rejection be properly withdrawn.

II. Conclusion

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that each rejection has been addressed and overcome. Reconsideration of the application and its allowance are requested. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 434-3410.

The fee for the 2 month extension of time will be paid online via EFS. It is believed that no other fee is due; however, in the event that a fee is due, please charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 26-0290.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Enclosure:
Notice of Appeal

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